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# H. R. 6712

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2008

Mr. HENSARLING introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “America’s Commit-  
5 ment to Veterans Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS TO VETERANS MEDICAL**  
2 **CARE FROM LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION.**

3 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Immediately upon enactment of  
4 any law making appropriations for fiscal year 2009 that  
5 appropriates or otherwise makes available any funds for  
6 the Legal Services Corporation, the Secretary of the  
7 Treasury shall (subject to subsection (b)) transfer to the  
8 “Medical Services” appropriation account of the Depart-  
9 ment of Veterans Affairs all amounts that are appro-  
10 priated or otherwise made available under that law for the  
11 Legal Services Corporation. Amounts so transferred shall  
12 be merged with and shall be available for the same period  
13 and the same purposes as the appropriation account to  
14 which transferred.

15 (b) AUTHORITY TO WIND UP AFFAIRS OF LEGAL  
16 SERVICES CORPORATION.—The Secretary of the Treasury  
17 may exempt from the requirement of subsection (a), for  
18 a period not to exceed 60 days, such amounts as the Sec-  
19 retary determines to be necessary to wind up the affairs  
20 of the Legal Services Corporation, and amounts so ex-  
21 empted shall be available, during such period, only for  
22 such purpose.

1 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS TO VETERANS MEDICAL**  
2 **CARE FROM TITLE X FAMILY PLANNING**  
3 **FUNDS.**

4       Immediately upon enactment of any law making ap-  
5 propriations for fiscal year 2009 that appropriates or oth-  
6 erwise makes available any funds for programs under title  
7 X of the Public Health Service Act to provide for vol-  
8 untary family planning projects, the Secretary of the  
9 Treasury shall transfer to the “Medical Services” appro-  
10 priation account of the Department of Veterans Affairs  
11 all amounts that are appropriated or otherwise made avail-  
12 able under that law for such programs. Amounts so trans-  
13 ferred shall be merged with and shall be available for the  
14 same period and the same purposes as the appropriation  
15 account to which transferred.

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